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New BBC studio opens and scout leader awarded honorary degree

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The Weathervane pub in Perne Road opened in 1959

Pints pulled at The Weathervane after long wait – 1959

THE Weathervane, a new public house at Perne Road, is the first to be built to serve new Cambridge housing estates.

The site was purchased by Tollemache Breweries in 1937 but has been delayed for 22 years because of the war and building restrictions.

Today, it is uneconomic to build palatial mansions but this house is just as comfortable, the sort of place one can bring a family for a pleasant drink with its bright contemporary decorations, skirting heating and low fireplaces.

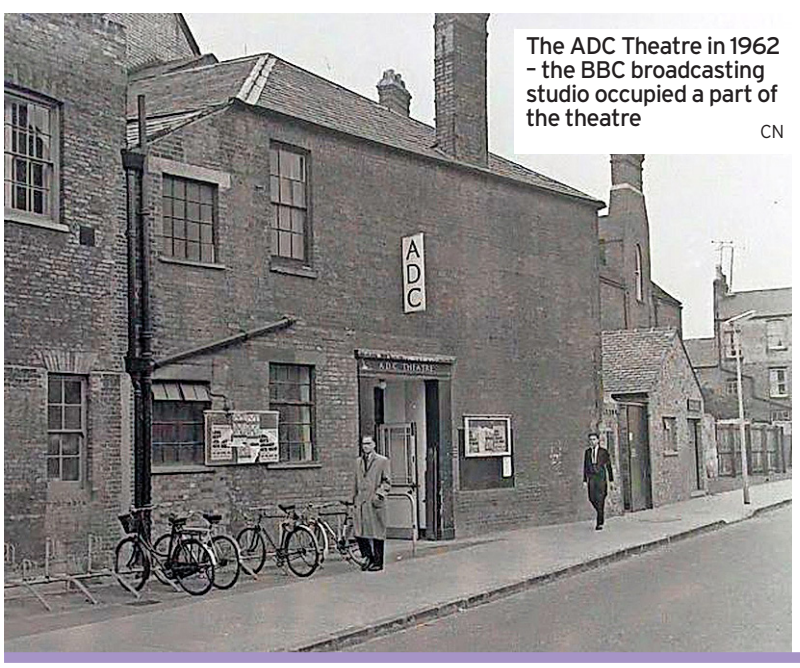
"You may ask why the name, 'Weathervane,' was chosen, but I cannot give you any reason at all", Lord Tollemache told guests at the opening.

New BBC studio to broadcast from ADC Theatre – 1958

THE BBC has opened a new sound broadcasting studio in Cambridge to give better coverage to the city, university and county, and transmit programmes with more local appeal.

The studio, which is 'unattended' – there is no resident engineer – occupies part of the ADC Theatre buildings.

It can be operated by BBC staff-men and other broadcasters without any technical wireless knowledge. All they have to do to broadcast is press a switch to be in contact with the BBC's engineers in Birmingham.



The ADC Theatre in 1962 – the BBC broadcasting studio occupied a part of the theatre CN

Equipment follows researcher recalled to Russia – 1935

IMPORTANT pieces of apparatus were installed at the Royal Society Mond Laboratory in Cambridge to enable Dr Pyotr Leonidovich Kapitsa (Peter Kapitza) to study very intense magnetic fields and experiment on low-temperature liquid helium.

This work is of fundamental importance relating to properties of atomic nuclei.

Now, Lord Rutherford has agreed it should be sent to a laboratory being built by the government of the USSR so that Kapitza can continue his research there, following his recall to Russia.

Dr Pyotr Leonidovich Kapitsa (Peter Kapitza) at the opening of a new laboratory in Cambridge in 1933 TOPICAL PRESS AGENCY/GETTY IMAGES

Electricity lines 'ruined' charming part of county – 1928

THE bringing of the electricity supply to villages is not without its difficulties; the erection of power lines by the Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire Electricity Company would seriously effect cultivation and put the agriculturalist to more expense.

It was reasonable that poles should be erected down green lanes rather than across a field planted with fruit. The lines had already ruined one of the most charming parts of the county.

But others felt people would not object if that meant it prevented the supply coming into their area.

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